

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 16 of the application as originally filed in its entirety with the following amended paragraph:

With continued focus on the interior wall 16, as shown in Figs. 3 and 12, the resilient upstanding legs 25 extend upwardly from the lower edge 19 of the frame to terminate in the respective teeth 27, which project horizontally inwardly into the panel path 62. In a preferred embodiment depicted in Fig. 3, each frame segment 14 may be formed with a pair of laterally spaced apart legs 25, with the stop pad or pads 40 being disposed therebetween. However, it is in keeping with the invention to employ any suitable combination of pads 40, legs 25 and teeth 27 dispersed about the interior wall 16 to reliably secure the panel 50 in the frame 13. To lend resiliency to the legs 25, as shown in the preferred embodiment of Figs. 6 and 12, the interior wall 16 may be formed adjacent to the lateral edges of the respective legs 25 with respective wall openings or lightening holes 24 and 24' that extend from the upper edge 18 of the frame 13 to respective points located slightly above the lower edge 19. However, it is also contemplated that the resiliency may be achieved by a continuous interior wall 16 formed with weakened seams that define the respective lateral edges of the legs 25, or by any other suitable interior wall 16 construction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 10, line 4 of the application as originally filed in its entirety with the following amended paragraph:

To cover and protect the lighting device 55, a lens 35, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, is configured to be received in the frame 13. The lens may be selected to permit any desired level of light passage therethrough, and is configured on its outer perimeter with a plurality of outwardly projecting lens tabs 36 configured for complementary receipt in corresponding lens mounting slots 33 formed in the interior wall 16 of the frame 13, as depicted in Figs. 6 and 8. In a preferred embodiment, the interior wall ~~[[19]]~~ 16 of each

frame segment 14 is formed with at least one lens mounting slot 33 for receiving a corresponding tab 36 formed to project outwardly from a lateral edge of the lens. However, it is also contemplated that each frame segment may be formed with a plurality of mounting slots 33 for receiving a corresponding number of tabs 36 formed on the lens 35, or any other suitable connection means known in the art may be employed to removably secure the lens in the frame. In a preferred embodiment, the lens 33 is formed from a material that is sufficiently resilient to hold its configuration and provide protection to the lighting device while also permitting distortion of the lens sufficient to dislodge the tabs 36 from the slots 33, thereby removing the lens 35 from the frame 13.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 11, line 23 of the application as originally filed in its entirety with the following amended paragraph:

Further upward advancement of the panel 50 along the path 62 will be prevented as corresponding portions of the top panel side 51 encounter the stop pads 40, and the panel 50 will thereby be secured in place in the panel slot 47 with the ~~upper~~ top panel side ~~[[42]]~~ 51 abutted against the lower surfaces 43 of the pads 40 and the bottom panel side 52 abutted against the support surfaces 31 of the teeth 27 of the resilient legs 25. If registration pins 44 are formed on the lower surfaces 43 of pads 40, concurrent with the engagement of the panel 50 with the cam surfaces 30 of the teeth 27 and the laterally inwardly flexing of the legs 25 to position the support surfaces 31 under the bottom panel side 52, the registration pins 44 will be received in the registration bores 61 of the panel 50. So configured, the shear strength of the pins 44 will resist lateral shifting of the panel 50 when adjustments are made to the lighting device 55 or lighting hardware components are added to the panel, and the pins 44 received in the bores 61 will cooperate with the teeth 27 and stop pads 40 in securely registering and holding the panel in place in the slot 47. Thus, panel 50 may be assembled with the electrical components thereon and may be quickly married with the frame 13 at the time of assembly. So configured, the panel will

be held in place in the frame without the necessity of separate fasteners, and the apparatus may be packaged and shipped without disassociation and disassembly from one another.